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### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 18, 2009**

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit  
within you. — *1 Corinthians 6:19a*

#### ***Chosen with Care***

I imagine most of you have seen the film, "Gone With the Wind." If not, you have a treat waiting for you. It is interesting how Director David Selznick chose the leading lady. Everyone knew that no one but Clark Gable could be Rhett Butler, but who should play Scarlett O'Hare? David Selznick considered a few dozen actresses to perform the Southern belle. Finally he made a surprising selection: not a girl born in the South or even in America. She was born in India of British parents: Vivien Leigh. Almost everyone agrees that she played a superb, unforgettable Scarlett O'Hare. David Selznick took great care in picking just the right person for that famous role. Similarly - but with infinitely greater care - God selects us for a part in the divine drama. We see it today in the call of the prophet, Samuel. When he was a boy, sleeping near the ark in the temple, Samuel heard a voice. He went to the priest, Eli, and said, "Here I am." But Eli said, "I did not call you, my son, go back to sleep." This happened two more times and finally Eli told the boy that if he heard the voice again, say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Of all the children in Israel, God had selected Samuel for a vital role.

Samuel did not have an easy time of it. If you read the two books named for him, you will see that he faced enormous struggles. But God had chosen him and Samuel never wavered.

God continues to call people today - sometimes in very unlikely circumstances. At the beginning of the twentieth century, an Italian boy heard God's call. He was an unlikely choice because his father was quite anti-Catholic. A member of the Italian Socialist Party, he constantly mocked the Church. His son, Albino, heard a Franciscan preacher and felt himself called to the priesthood. Albino's dad was working in another city so - with great trepidation - he wrote him a letter. It took some time for the response. Trembling, Albino opened the letter. It contained a small piece of paper, on which his father wrote, "If that is what you wish, do it." Eventually his dad was reconciled with the Church. Albino kept the note all his life - and he still had it in 1978, when as Bishop of Venice, he entered the papal conclave. Against everyone's expectations, the Cardinals elected him. He became known as "the smiling pope," Pope John Paul I. His papacy lasted only thirty-three days, but it made a deep impression. Today Albino Luciani - Pope John Paul I - is on the path to beatification and sainthood.

Now God does not only chooses famous people like Pope John Paul I or Samuel. He chooses folks like you and me. And what appears to be a humble role might be a hinge in his plan of redemption. In one of C.S. Lewis' books, a working woman with no children - and a mean-spirited husband - shines as a great saint, important for the salvation of many souls.\* In God's drama, we do not know who are the leading actors. We will find out on the final judgment day. What we do know is that God chooses us with care for our role in his drama. Like a great director, selecting exactly the right person for a part, God chooses you or me.

Today Jesus asks, "What are you looking for?" Do not be afraid to tell him. And you may hear those beautiful words, "Come, and you will see."

—Father Phil Bloom, c/o jspaluch, co., inc

**Celebrating the Year of St. Paul**

I urge you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.

—1 Corinthians 1:10

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**This Week's Parish**

**Events**

**Tue., Jan 6th--**

**Legion of Mary,**

Scanlan Hall, 6:30 pm

**Communion & Liberation,**

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

**Wed., Jan 7th —**

**NERT, Scanlan Hall, 6:30 pm**

**Brazilian Choir Practice, Church 7pm**

**Fri., 9th —**

**AACC Youth Group**

Scanlan Hall, 6-8:30pm

**Sat., 10th —**

**RCIC Classes, Flower Sacristy, 9 am**

**Teen Confirmation Classes,**

Flower Sacristy, 10:30 am

**Young Adults Meeting**

Scanlan Hall, 2—5 pm

**Bible Study & Prayer Group**

Alma Via, 7 pm.

**Campus Ministry,**

check schedule for Masses & meetings on church board at the entrance.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

**Sunday**

8:00 AM Portuguese/Brazilian;

10:00 AM English

11:45 AM Arabic;

8:00 PM English

**Weekdays:**

8:30 AM

(Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.);

5:30 PM (Tue., Thu.)

**Holy Days:**

8:30 AM & 8:00 PM

**First Saturdays:**

10:00 AM Burmese

**First Fridays:**

8:30 AM

7:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Followed by Mass for healing at 8:00 PM

**Sacrament of Baptism (infants):** Parents and godparents must attend Baptism Preparation Class. Call the office for Schedule.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sundays 9:30—9:45 AM; Saturday 4:30 PM. Any time upon request.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Contact us at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

**Communion to the homebound and the ill:** Anyone who is ill and unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion may call the office to schedule a visit.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Any time upon request. If a parishioner is seriously ill at home, please inform the parish office regarding a visit for anointing.

**Funeral arrangements:** Funeral Director should contact Parish Office.

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*No one can consider himself extraneous or indifferent to the lot of another member of the human family. No one can say that he is not responsible for the well-being of his brother or sister.*

-Pope John Paul II,  
In My Own Words

**Regular Activities**

Parish Council  
Liturgy Committee  
Legion of Mary  
Communion & Liberation

To Be Announced  
As Announced  
Tuesday, 6:30 PM  
Tuesday, 7:30 PM

& Prayer  
AACC Youth Group  
Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino  
Prince of Peace

Bible Study  
Saturday, 7 PM at Alma Via  
Friday, 6:00 PM  
Last Friday, 7 PM  
Friday, 8:30 PM

*Enrich your faith, tune in to 24-hour 1260 AM, Immaculate Heart Radio*

**Full Plate Program:** Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Menu items: 1 can of cereal, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 1 bag of pasta, 1 container of 100% juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.

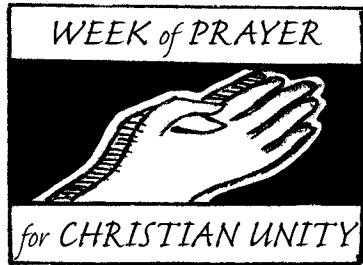


**\*An invitation.** In response to requests from parishioners, we are praying the rosary in our church at 7:30 every night. Come and join us as we pray together as a parish family, for our parish and for the world.

**\*STM Church Crab Feed.** Our STM Church Crab Feed will be on February 7th in Carroll Hall. This has always been a sell-out event, please call the office to make your reservations soon.

**\*Santo Niño Fiesta.** Thank you to all who came and celebrated our Santo Nino Fiesta yesterday. Again, please note that there will be no novena on the 30th of the month.

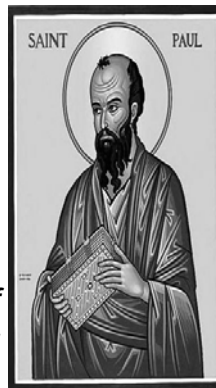
**\*Communion and Liberation** invites you to join us to share the encounter with Christ, present among us, in the everyday reality of work, study and family. We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in Scanlan Hall, immediately in front of the chapel side exit of the Church. For more information, contact Martin at 415-333-5442 or [martin@CLSanFrancisco.com](mailto:martin@CLSanFrancisco.com). The Fraternity of Communion and Liberation (CL) is a Catholic ecclesial association of Pontifical Right.



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**\*Mass Intentions.** Get your lists of significant dates (death anniversaries, birthdays, special days – yours and of loved ones) together, our 2009 calendar is ready for you. Please call the office so we can schedule your Mass Intentions for the year.

**\*Authorization to Observe the Feast of the Conversation of St. Paul on Sunday, January 25, 2009:** Because of the Jubilee Year in honor of the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Saint Paul the Apostle, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has authorized the celebration of the Mass for the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul on Sunday, January 25, 2009. Normally, this feast would be suppressed by the observance of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Notice from the Office of Worship, Archdiocese)



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Jan 18th—24th, 2009**

01/18Sun 10:00am Mary Barbara Cabansagan  
8:00 pm People of STM  
01/19 Mon 8:30am Kutay & Jean Ezpeleta  
01/20 Tue 5:30 pm John Martinelli †  
01/21 Wed 8:30 am Sara & Collin F.-Noguera  
01/22 Thu 5:30pm Sara & Collin F.-Noguera  
01/23 Fri 8:30 am Special Intention  
01/24 Sat 8:30 am Sara & Collin F. Noguera  
5:00 pm Brenda Garcia

*Please call the office to schedule your Mass. Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.*



**All the sick people in our parish,** especially

Linda Biagini, Patricia Colburn, Barbara Cunningham, Carmel Desmond, Collin & Sara Fernando-Noguera, Catherine Moynihan, Mac Nuqui, Marie Paynor-Cia, John Schulz, Lourdes Tam, Filemon Trinidad, Alejandro Villavicencio, Pepito Paraiso, Ruby Jimenez, Gordon Lu, Rosauro Tan, Jean Lu and for all in our parish who are battling cancer of whatever form and stage.

**All the deceased** from our parish esp. Samir Saliba Totah, Bernardp Cascp amd Pacifico Pineda.

**Your weekly offerings:  
Weekend of 01/11/09:  
\$4,666.63**

**Next week's second collection will be for the Church in Latin America. Please be generous.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**



*If you are new to the area and not yet registered at Saint Thomas More Parish, we invite you to fill this out, cut it out and return it to the parish office/rectory or drop in the collection basket.*

I choose to become a member of St. Thomas More and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active & consistent presence at worship financial giving even when I can't be present.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution.  
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